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FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

JACQUES ROY, M.D. (1)  
CYNTHIA STIGER (2)  
WILBERT JAMES VEASEY, JR. (3)  
CYPRIAN AKAMNONU (4)  
PATRICIA AKAMNONU, R.N. (5)  
TERI SIVILS (6)  
CHARITY ELEDA, R.N. (7)

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**INDICTMENT**

The Grand Jury charges:

At all times material to this Indictment, unless otherwise specified:

**General Allegations**

1. The Medicare Program ("Medicare") was a federal healthcare program providing benefits to persons who were over the age of 65 or disabled. Medicare was administered by the United States Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") through its agency, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS"). Individuals receiving benefits under Medicare were referred to as Medicare "beneficiaries."

2. The Texas State Medicaid program ("Medicaid") was a federally and state funded program providing benefits to individuals and families who met specified financial and other eligibility requirements, and certain other individuals who lacked

adequate resources to pay for medical care. CMS was responsible for overseeing the Medicaid program in participating states, including Texas.

3. Medicare and Medicaid were “health care benefit programs,” as defined by Title 18, United States Code, Section 24(b).

4. “Part A” of the Medicare program covered certain eligible home healthcare costs for medical services provided by a home healthcare agency (“HHA”) to beneficiaries requiring home healthcare services because of an illness or disability causing them to be homebound. Payments for home healthcare medical services under Medicare Part A were typically made directly to a HHA or provider based on claims submitted to the Medicare program for qualifying services that had been provided to eligible beneficiaries, rather than to the beneficiary.

5. Physicians, clinics and other healthcare providers, including HHAs that provided services to Medicare beneficiaries, were able to apply for and obtain a Medicare “provider number.” A healthcare provider that was issued a Medicare provider number was able to file claims with Medicare to obtain reimbursement for services provided to beneficiaries. A Medicare claim was required to set forth, among other things, the beneficiary’s name and Medicare identification number, the services that were performed for the beneficiary, the date the services were provided, the cost of the services, and the name and identification number of the physician or other healthcare provider that ordered the services.

6. CMS did not directly pay Medicare Part A claims submitted by Medicare-certified HHAs. CMS contracted with different companies to administer the Medicare Part A program throughout different parts of the United States. In the State of Texas, CMS contracted with Trailblazer Health Enterprises ("Trailblazer") to administer Part A HHA claims. As administrator, Trailblazer received, adjudicated and paid claims submitted by HHA providers under the Part A program for home healthcare claims.

7. The Medicare program paid 100% of the allowable charges for participating HHAs providing home healthcare services only if the patient qualified for home healthcare benefits. A patient qualified for home healthcare benefits only if the patient:

- a. was confined to the home, also referred to as homebound;
- b. was under the care of a physician who specifically determined there was a need for home healthcare and established the Plan of Care ("POC"); and
- c. the determining physician signed a certification statement specifying that:
  - i. the beneficiary needed intermittent skilled nursing services, physical therapy, or speech therapy;
  - ii. the beneficiary was confined to the home;
  - iii. a POC for furnishing services was established and periodically reviewed; and
  - iv. the services were furnished while the beneficiary was under the care of the physician who established the POC.

8. Medicare Part A regulations required HHAs providing services to Medicare patients to maintain complete and accurate medical records reflecting the medical

assessment and diagnoses of their patients, as well as records documenting actual treatment of the patients to whom services were provided and for whom claims for payment were submitted by the HHA.

9. These medical records were required to be sufficient to permit Medicare, through Trailblazer and other contractors, to review the appropriateness of Medicare payments made to the HHA under the Part A program.

10. Among the written records required to document the appropriateness of home healthcare claims submitted under Part A of Medicare was a POC that included the physician order for home healthcare, diagnoses, types of services, frequency of visits, prognosis, rehabilitation potential, functional limitations, activities permitted, medications, treatments, nutritional requirements, safety measures, discharge plans, goals, and physician signature. Also required was a signed certification statement by an attending physician certifying that the patient was confined to his or her home and was in need of the planned home healthcare services, and an assessment of the beneficiary's condition and eligibility for home health services, called an Outcome and Assessment Information Set ("OASIS").

11. Medicare Part A regulations required provider HHAs to maintain medical records of each visit made by a nurse, therapist, and home healthcare aide to a beneficiary. The record of a nurse's visit was required to describe, among other things, any significant observed signs or symptoms, any treatment and drugs administered, any reactions by the patient, any teaching and the understanding of the patient, and any

changes in the patient's physical or emotional condition. The home healthcare nurse, therapist and aide were required to document the hands-on personal care provided to the beneficiary if the services were deemed necessary to maintain the beneficiary's health or to facilitate treatment of the beneficiary's primary illness or injury. These written medical records were generally created and maintained in the form of "visit notes" and "home health aide notes/observations."

**The Defendants**

JACQUES ROY, M.D.

12. **Jacques Roy, M.D.**, a resident of Rockwall, Texas, was a medical doctor licensed by the State of Texas. **Jacques Roy, M.D.** became a doctor in 1984. **Jacques Roy, M.D.** and a family member owned and operated Medistat Group Associates, P.A. ("Medistat") doing business as Healthcare Medical Associates.

13. Medistat was a Texas corporation located in DeSoto, Texas, incorporated on or about July 1990. Medistat was an association of healthcare providers that primarily provided home health certifications and performed patient home visits. Medistat consisted of four doctors and approximately fifteen nurses with varying levels of professional expertise. Between January 2006 and November 2011, Medistat certified more Medicare beneficiaries for home health services and had more patients than any other medical practice in the United States.

14. **Jacques Roy, M.D.** and, at his direction, other Medistat physicians, certified and recertified POCs so that HHAs were able to bill Medicare for home health services that were not medically necessary and not rendered.

15. **Jacques Roy, M.D.** and, at his direction, other Medistat physicians and nurse practitioners, performed unnecessary home visits and ordered unnecessary medical services for the Medicare beneficiaries certified for home health services by **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician.

16. From January 1, 2006 through November 30, 2011, **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician certified more than 11,000 unique Medicare beneficiaries for home health services provided by over 500 HHAs. Medistat and the HHAs billed Medicare for over \$350 million and Medicaid for over \$24 million for these beneficiaries.

CYNTHIA STIGER  
WILBERT JAMES VEASEY, JR.

17. **Cynthia Stiger and Wilbert James Veasey, Jr.** residents of Dallas, Texas, were the owners of Apple of Your Eye Health Care Services, Inc. ("Apple"). Apple was a HHA located in Dallas, Texas, doing business in and around Dallas County. Eighty-percent (80%) of Apple's patients were certified for home healthcare services by **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician.

18. **Cynthia Stiger and Wilbert James Veasey, Jr.** submitted fraudulent claims to Medicare for home health services that were not medically necessary. From January 1, 2006 through July 31, 2011, Apple submitted claims to Medicare totaling

\$9,157,646.09 for services for Medicare beneficiaries certified by **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician.

CYPRIAN AKAMNONU  
PATRICIA AKAMNONU, R.N.

19. Defendants **Cyprian Akamnonu** and **Patricia Akamnonu, R.N.**, residents of Cedar Hill, Texas, were the owners of Ultimate Care Home Health Services, Inc. ("Ultimate"). Ultimate was a HHA, originally located in Grand Prairie, Texas, and later relocated to Arlington, Texas, doing business in and around Dallas County. Seventy-eight percent (78%) of Ultimate's patients were certified for home healthcare services by **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician.

20. **Cyprian Akamnonu** and **Patricia Akamnonu, R.N.** submitted fraudulent claims to Medicare for home healthcare services that were not medically necessary. From January 1, 2006 through August 31, 2011, Ultimate submitted claims to Medicare totaling \$43,184,628.32 for services for Medicare beneficiaries certified by **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician.

TERI SIVILS

21. Defendant **Teri Sivils**, a resident of Midlothian, Texas, was an employee at Medistat beginning in 2002, and was the office manager from 2005 through 2010. **Teri Sivils** was directly responsible for the daily operation of Medistat and ensured that POCs were processed. **Teri Sivils** signed **Jacques Roy, M.D.**'s name to POCs. **Teri Sivils** also supervised the processing of thousands of POCs that contained **Jacques Roy, M.D.**'s

electronic signature, and other Medistat physicians' signatures, permitting HHAs to bill Medicare for unnecessary home health services.

22. **Teri Sivils** accepted cash payments from **Cyprian Akamnonu** in exchange for ensuring that POCs contained the signature of **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician.

**CHARITY ELEDA, R.N.**

23. Defendant **Charity Eleda, R.N.**, a resident of Rowlett, Texas, was the co-owner of Charry Home Care Services, Inc. ("Charry"). Charry was a HHA located in Dallas, Texas doing business in and around Dallas County. Seventy-nine percent (79%) of Charry's patients were certified for home healthcare services by **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician.

24. **Charity Eleda, R.N.** submitted fraudulent claims to Medicare for home healthcare services that were not medically necessary. From August 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011, Charry submitted claims to Medicare totaling \$468,858.14 for services for Medicare beneficiaries certified by **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician.



COUNT 1

Conspiracy to Commit Healthcare Fraud  
(Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349)

25. Paragraphs 1 through 24 of the General Allegations section of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

26. From in or around November 2004, through in or around November 2011, the exact dates being unknown to the Grand Jury, in the Dallas Division of the Northern District of Texas, and elsewhere, defendants,

**Jacques Roy, M.D.**  
**Cynthia Stiger**  
**Wilbert James Veasey, Jr.**  
**Cyprian Akamnonu**  
**Patricia Akamnonu, R.N.**  
**Teri Sivils**  
**Charity Eleda, R.N.**

did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate and agree with others, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to violate Title 18, United States Code, Section 1347, that is, to execute a scheme and artifice to defraud a health care benefit program affecting commerce, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 24(b), that is, Medicare, and to obtain, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, money and property owned by, and under the custody and control of, said healthcare benefit program, in connection with the delivery of and payment for healthcare benefits, items, and services.

**Purpose of the Conspiracy**

27. It was a purpose of the conspiracy for the defendants to unlawfully enrich themselves by, among other things, (a) submitting and causing the submission of false and fraudulent claims to Medicare and Medicaid for services that were medically unnecessary and not rendered; (b) concealing the submission of false and fraudulent claims to Medicare and Medicaid and the receipt of and transfer of the proceeds from the fraud; and (c) diverting the proceeds of the fraud for the personal use and benefit of the defendants and their co-conspirators.

**Manner and Means of the Conspiracy**

28. The manner and means by which the defendants sought to accomplish the purpose of the conspiracy included, among other things:

**A. The Scheme to Defraud**

29. **Wilbert James Veasey, Jr. (Apple), Patricia Akamnonu, R.N.** (Ultimate), and **Charity Eleda, R.N. (Charry)**, and other co-conspirators, known and unknown, recruited Medicare beneficiaries to be placed at their respective HHA so that their respective HHA could bill Medicare for unnecessary home health services.

30. **Patricia Akamnonu, R.N. (Ultimate), Charity Eleda, R.N. (Charry)**, and co-conspirator medical professionals at Apple, as well as other co-conspirators, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, would falsify OASISs to make it appear that the beneficiaries recruited by **Wilbert James Veasey, Jr. (Apple), Patricia Akamnonu, R.N. (Ultimate), and Charity Eleda, R.N. (Charry)**, and other co-conspirators, known

and unknown (the "Recruited Beneficiaries"), qualified for home health services that were not medically necessary.

31. **Patricia Akamnonu, R.N. (Ultimate), Charity Eleda, R.N. (Charry),** and co-conspirator medical professionals at Apple, as well as other co-conspirators, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, prepared POCs that were not medically necessary for the Recruited Beneficiaries.

32. **Cyprian Akamnonu (Ultimate), Cynthia Stiger (Apple), Charity Eleda, R.N. (Charry)** and co-conspirator employees at Ultimate, Apple and Charry, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, would provide these POCs either by facsimile or hand-delivery to Medistat for **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician to falsely certify that the Recruited Beneficiaries needed home health care services from their respective HHAs.

33. **Teri Sivils**, working as the office manager for Medistat, would sign **Jacques Roy, M.D.**'s name to POCs. **Teri Sivils** would also supervise the process by which thousands of POCs would be approved using **Jacques Roy, M.D.**'s electronic signature.

34. Co-conspirator nurses at Apple, Ultimate and Charry and other co-conspirators, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, would write visit notes to make it appear that they provided skilled nursing to the Recruited Beneficiaries when no skilled nursing was provided.

35. At the conclusion of the initial 60-day episode of care covered by the POCs, the co-conspirators would engage in the same conduct as alleged above so that the Recruited Beneficiaries could receive additional episodes of care.

36. **Jacques Roy, M.D.**, and other co-conspirators, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, would perform medically unnecessary home visits and order unnecessary medical services for the Recruited Beneficiaries.

37. Co-conspirators at Medistat, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, would submit fraudulent claims to Medicare for certifying and recertifying beneficiaries for unnecessary home health services, for unnecessary home visits, and other unnecessary medical services.

**B. Medistat's Fraudulent Business Model**

38. Medistat received hundreds of POCs and/or requests for physician orders for home health services per day from HHAs. In order to process this volume of paperwork, Medistat maintained a "485 Department," named for the form on which the POC was documented. **Jacques Roy, M.D.** instructed Medistat employees to complete the 485s by either signing his name by hand or by affixing his electronic signature to the document. Each completed POC indicated that the beneficiary was under the care of **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician and that the beneficiary was homebound and in need of skilled nursing services.

39. By processing the paperwork in this manner, Medistat was able to bill Medicare for certifying and recertifying beneficiaries for unnecessary home health

services, for unnecessary home visits, and other unnecessary medical services.

40. When Medistat completed a POC for a beneficiary, **Jacques Roy, M.D.** made that beneficiary a Medistat patient. Once a beneficiary became a Medistat patient, Medistat employees acting under the direction of **Jacques Roy, M.D.** would make home visits to that beneficiary, provide unnecessary medical services and order unnecessary durable medical equipment for that beneficiary. Medistat would then bill Medicare for those visits and services.

41. The funds paid by Medicare to Medistat for those home visits and medical services were paid into a single account controlled by **Jacques Roy, M.D.** (the "Medistat Account") and he would pay the employees acting at his direction an agreed upon amount out of the Medistat Account based on the number of beneficiaries they visited.

42. In total, between January 1, 2006 and November 30, 2011, the 485 Department, directed by **Jacques Roy, M.D.**, processed and approved POCs for more than 11,000 unique Medicare beneficiaries from more than 500 different HHAs. Many of these Medicare beneficiaries had primary care physicians who never certified home healthcare services for them.

43. In sum, Medistat's fraudulent business model was to use the HHAs as recruiters for its own practice so that Medistat could bill unnecessary home visits and unnecessary medical services for the beneficiaries that **Jacques Roy, M.D.** and other Medistat physicians certified for home health services.

44. In November 2004, **Jacques Roy, M.D.** told J.A., Medistat's business

manager, that **Cynthia Stiger** and **Wilbert James Veasey, Jr.** (Apple) gave Medicare beneficiaries cash and groceries to get them to sign up for home healthcare services with Apple.

45. J.A. also recorded several conversations between himself and **Jacques Roy, M.D.** in January 2006. The conversations concerned a disagreement between J.A. and **Jacques Roy, M.D.** regarding a HHA technically owned by J.A. but financed by **Jacques Roy, M.D.** In the recorded conversation, J.A. argued that **Cynthia Stiger** and **Wilbert James Veasey, Jr.** (Apple) were “shady” and that he never agreed to their involvement in the HHA. **Jacques Roy, M.D.** insisted that **Cynthia Stiger** and **Wilbert James Veasey, Jr.** were always part of the HHA’s business plan and stated “James and Cynthia would have half the profits because they’ll bring patients in.”

46. J.A. continued to argue with **Jacques Roy, M.D.** suggesting that Medistat should invest in legitimate marketing rather than working with **Cynthia Stiger** and **Wilbert James Veasey, Jr.** (Apple). In response, **Jacques Roy, M.D.** stated “... I’ve done enough marketing to know it’s bullshit, and I don’t want to do it.”

47. By virtue of its fraudulent business model, Medistat was able to bill approximately \$30 million to Medicare and Medicaid for unnecessary home visits and unnecessary medical services from January 1, 2006 through November 30, 2011.

**C. Arrangements between JACQUES ROY, M.D. and the HHAs**

48. In order to ensure that his fraudulent business model worked and that he had a steady stream of Medicare beneficiaries for whom to bill, **Jacques Roy, M.D.**

entered into formal and informal fraudulent arrangements with HHAs including Apple, Ultimate and Charry.

i. Apple

49. On or about January 7, 2006, **Jacques Roy, M.D.** entered into a secret agreement with **Cynthia Stiger** and **Wilbert James Veasey, Jr.** where he would pay all of the operating expenses for Apple in return for fifty-percent (50%) of the profits Apple made from billing Medicare for home health services.

50. Between January 2006 and November 2006, **Jacques Roy, M.D.** paid **Cynthia Stiger** and **Wilbert James Veasey, Jr.** \$350,000 in amounts ranging from \$2,000 to \$40,000. **Cynthia Stiger** and **Wilbert James Veasey, Jr.**, in turn, made payments to **Jacques Roy, M.D.** from the money Apple made from billing Medicare for unnecessary home health services. During the time period that **Jacques Roy, M.D.** was paying Apple's operating expenses, almost all of Apple's patients were certified for home healthcare by **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician.

51. From January 1, 2006 through July 31, 2011, eighty-percent (80%) of Apple's patients were certified by **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician for home health services and Medistat incorporated these patients into its practice.

52. From January 1, 2006 through July 31, 2011, Apple submitted claims to Medicare totaling \$9,157,646.09 for home health services for Medicare beneficiaries certified by **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician and **Jacques Roy, M.D.** and Medistat submitted \$1,080,531.74 to Medicare for services for these beneficiaries.

ii. Ultimate

53. In or about January 2006, **Jacques Roy, M.D.** entered into an arrangement with Ultimate and its owners **Patricia Akamnonu, R.N.** and **Cyprian Akamnonu**.

54. **Patricia Akamnonu, R.N.** recruited Medicare beneficiaries for Ultimate by approaching people and promising free health care and other social services such as food stamps. **Patricia Akamnonu, R.N.** would record the person's information, including Medicare number, and then sign that person up for home healthcare services – sometimes without their knowledge.

55. **Patricia Akamnonu, R.N.** and **Cyprian Akamnonu** then would have **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician certify that the beneficiary needed home health services from Ultimate.

56. To facilitate the certifications, and with **Jacques Roy, M.D.**'s knowledge, **Cyprian Akamnonu** paid cash kickbacks to **Teri Sivils**, the Medistat office manager. **Jacques Roy, M.D.** instructed **Teri Sivils** to provide "special treatment" to Ultimate and to be personally responsible for Ultimate patient certifications.

57. From January 1, 2006 through August 31, 2011, seventy-eight percent (78%) of Ultimate patients were certified by **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician for home health services and Medistat incorporated these patients into its practice.

58. From January 1, 2006 through August 31, 2011, Ultimate submitted claims to Medicare totaling \$43,184,628.32 for home health services for Medicare beneficiaries



certified by **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician and **Jacques Roy, M.D.** and Medistat submitted \$2,397,424.30 to Medicare for services for these beneficiaries.

iii. Charry

59. During the fall of 2010, **Charity Eleda, R.N.** (Charry) visited The Bridge Homeless Shelter ("The Bridge") in Dallas, Texas to recruit homeless beneficiaries who were staying there ("guests").

60. **Charity Eleda, R.N.** hired recruiters to find guests with Medicare benefits and to direct them to her vehicle parked outside the gates of The Bridge. **Charity Eleda, R.N.** paid the recruiters \$50 per beneficiary. Any treatment that **Charity Eleda, R.N.** provided was either in her vehicle, in the courtyard of The Bridge, on a park bench outside of The Bridge, or on the second floor of a church located several blocks away from The Bridge.

61. **Charity Eleda, R.N.** sent by facsimile certification paperwork to Medistat and called **Jacques Roy, M.D.** to come to The Bridge and meet with the beneficiaries. **Jacques Roy, M.D.** came to The Bridge and conducted a medical examination of the allegedly homebound beneficiaries. **Jacques Roy, M.D.** conducted his medical examinations inside The Bridge at a courtyard picnic table and at the Austin Street Shelter, another homeless facility located in downtown Dallas. **Jacques Roy, M.D.** certified the beneficiaries as being homebound and in need of skilled nursing services to be provided by **Charity Eleda, R.N.** and Charry.

62. **Charity Eleda, R.N.** and other nurses employed by Charry attempted to

visit guests of The Bridge during the 60-day certification period approved by **Jacques Roy, M.D.** **Charity Eleda, R.N.** was informed, however, by security guards at The Bridge that she was not permitted to treat guests on or near the premises, and that The Bridge had a Parkland Hospital medical clinic inside the gates that was available to the guests. After being removed from The Bridge on several occasions, **Charity Eleda, R.N.** began to see the allegedly homebound beneficiaries on the second floor of a church located several blocks away from The Bridge.

63. From August 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011, seventy-nine percent (79%) of Charry patients were certified by **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician for home healthcare services and Medistat incorporated these patients into its practice.

64. From August 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011, Charry submitted claims to Medicare totaling \$468,858.14 for home health services for Medicare beneficiaries certified by **Jacques Roy, M.D.** or another Medistat physician and **Jacques Roy, M.D.** and Medistat submitted \$151,207.64 to Medicare for services for these beneficiaries.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349.

COUNTS 2-10  
Healthcare Fraud  
(18 U.S.C. §§ 1347 and 2)

65. Paragraphs 1 through 24 and 28 through 64 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

66. On or about the dates specified below, in the Dallas Division of the Northern District of Texas, and elsewhere, defendants

**Jacques Roy, M.D.**  
**Wilbert James Veasey, Jr.**  
**Patricia Akamnonu, R.N.**  
**Charity Eleda, R.N.**

in connection with the delivery and payment for health care benefits, items, and services, did knowingly and willfully execute, and attempt to execute, a scheme and artifice to defraud Medicare, a health care benefit program affecting commerce, as defined by Title 19, United States Code, Section 24(b), and to obtain, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, money and property owned by, and under the custody and control of, Medicare, that is, the defendants submitted and aided and abetted in submitting false and fraudulent claims to Medicare, seeking reimbursement for the cost of various unnecessary home health services.

Count	Defendants	HHA	Medicare Beneficiary	Approximate Dates	Conduct	Amount Submitted to Medicare and Medicaid
2	<b>Jacques Roy, M.D.</b> and <b>Wilbert James Veasey, Jr.</b>	Apple	D.T.	August 2009 to October 2009	Recruitment and home health certification for 60-day episode of care	\$2,966.74
3	<b>Jacques Roy, M.D.</b> and <b>Wilbert James Veasey, Jr.</b>	Apple	C.B.	May 2010 to July 2010	Recruitment and home health certification for 60-day episode of care	\$1,196.74
4	<b>Jacques Roy, M.D.</b> and <b>Wilbert James Veasey, Jr.</b>	Apple	C.M.B.	May 2010 to July 2010	Recruitment and home health certification for 60-day episode of care	\$3,145.74
5	<b>Jacques Roy, M.D.</b> and <b>Patricia Akamnonu, R.N.</b>	Ultimate	N.C	January 2006 to March 2006	Recruitment and home health certification for 60-day episode of care	\$2,700.00
6	<b>Jacques Roy, M.D.</b> and <b>Patricia Akamnonu, R.N.</b>	Ultimate	L.S.	May 2007 to July 2007	Recruitment and home health certification for 60-day episode of care	\$4,481.74
7	<b>Jacques Roy, M.D.</b> and <b>Patricia Akamnonu, R.N.</b>	Ultimate	B.L	July 2009 to September 2009	Recruitment and home health certification for 60-day episode of care	\$1,101.00
8	<b>Jacques Roy, M.D.</b> and <b>Charity Eleda, R.N.</b>	Charry	I.S.	September 2010 to November 2010	Recruitment and home health certification for 60-day episode of care	\$1,679.86

Count	Defendants	HHA	Medicare Beneficiary	Approximate Dates	Conduct	Amount Submitted to Medicare and Medicaid
9	<b>Jacques Roy, M.D.</b> and <b>Charity Eleda, R.N.</b>	Charry	S.C.	October 2010 to December 2010	Recruitment and home health certification for 60-day episode of care	\$1,061.56
10	<b>Jacques Roy, M.D.</b> and <b>Charity Eleda, R.N.</b>	Charry	K.F	September 2010 to January 2011	Recruitment and home health certification for 60-day episode of care	\$1,364.12

Each in violation of Title 18 United States Code Sections 1347 and 2.

COUNTS 11-13False Statements for Use in  
Determining Rights for Benefit and Payment by Medicare  
(42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(a)(2))

67. Paragraphs 1 through 24 of the General Allegations section of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

68. On or about the dates enumerated below, in the Dallas Division of the Northern District of Texas, and elsewhere, the defendant,

**Charity Eleda, R.N.**

did knowingly and willfully make and cause to be made false statements and representations of material facts in patient files for the beneficiaries set forth below, for use in determining rights for any benefit and payment under a Federal healthcare program, that is, Medicare, to wit, that she provided skilled nursing when in fact she was outside of the United States:

<b>Count</b>	<b>Medicare Beneficiary</b>	<b>Date of Nursing Visit</b>	<b>False Statement and Representation</b>	<b>Amount Submitted to Medicare</b>
<b>11</b>	R.G.	February 8, 2011	Skilled Nursing Visit in Dallas	\$200
<b>12</b>	I.S.	February 9, 2011	Skilled Nursing Visit in Dallas	\$200
<b>13</b>	R.G.	February 15, 2011	Skilled Nursing Visit in Dallas	\$200

Each in violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 1320a-7b(a)(2) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

NOTICE OF CRIMINAL FORFEITURE  
[18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(7)]

Upon conviction for any of the offenses charged in this Indictment, the defendants, **Jacques Roy, M.D., Cynthia Stiger, Wilbert James Veasey, Jr., Cyprian Akamnonu, Patricia Akamnonu, R.N., Teri Sivils, and Charity Eleda, R.N.,** shall, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §982(a)(7), forfeit to the United States all property, real or personal, constituting or derived, directly or indirectly, from gross proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense, including, but not limited to, the following:

Property to be forfeited by Jacques Roy, M.D.

- a. All funds in business checking account XXXX8914 in the name of Medistat Group Associates at Bank of America.
- b. All funds in business checking account XXXX9921 in the name of Medistat Group Associates at Capital One, N.A.
- c. All funds in personal checking account XXXX1176 in the name of Jacques Roy at Bank of America.
- d. 2009 Melges sailboat, USMEB20118L809, "One Trick Pony".
- e. 2008 Flying Scot sailboat, hull ID GDB04468G808.
- f. 2007 Toyota Avalon, VIN 4T1BK36B47U192647.
- g. 2009 Buick Enclave, VIN 5GAER23D09J165416.
- h. All funds in account XX7659 for Jacques Roy with American Equity Investment Life Insurance Company.
- i. All funds in account XXXX8147 for Jacques Roy with Allianz Life Insurance Company.
- j. All funds in account XXXX0518 for Jacques Roy with Mass Mutual Financial Group.

- k. All funds in account XXXX0508 for Jacques Roy with Mass Mutual Financial Group.
- l. All funds in account VF5148XXXX for Jacques Roy with Pacific Life Insurance Company.
- m. All funds in accounts for Jacques Roy with Jackson National Life.
- n. All funds in account XXX293x for Jacques Roy with Life Insurance Company of the Southwest.

Property to be forfeited by Cyprian Akamnonu And Patricia Akamnonu, R.N.

- o. All funds in business checking account XXXXXXXXX0011 in the name of Cyprian Inc., dba Ultimate Care Home Health Services at Bank of America.
- p. All funds in business checking account XXXXXXXXX1257 in the name of Cyprian Akamnonu, dba Ultimate Care Home Health Services at Bank of America.
- q. All funds in business checking account XXXXXXXXX2835 in the name of at Cyprian, Inc., dba Ultimate Care Home Health Services at Bank of America.
- r. All funds in business checking account XXXXXXXXX3153 in the name of Cyprian, Inc., dba Ultimate Care Home Health Services at Bank of America.
- s. All funds in business checking account XXXXXXXXX9747 in the name of Cyprian, Inc., dba Ultimate Care Home Health Services at Bank of America.
- t. All funds in business checking account XXXXXXXXX0024 in the name of Cyprian, Inc., dba Ultimate Care Home Health Services at Bank of America.
- u. All funds in business checking account XXXXXXXXX0759 in the name of Cyprian, Inc., dba Ultimate Care Home Health Services at Bank of America.



- v. All funds in personal checking account XXXXXXXXX7508 in the name of Cyprian and Patricia Akamnonu at Bank of America.
- w. All funds in personal checking account XXXXXXXXX1411 in the name of Cyprian and Patricia Akamnonu at Bank of America.
- x. All funds in personal money market savings account XXXXXXXXX2847 in the name of Cyprian and Patricia Akamnonu at Bank of America.
- y. 2010 Nissan Murano, VIN JN8AZ1MUAW007045.
- z. 2006 Infiniti FX35, VIN JNRAS08W26X202720.
- aa. 2008 Nissan Titan, VIN 1N6BA07C48N332766.
- bb. 2010 Mercedes GL5, VIN 4JGBF8GE0AA609720.
- cc. The real property located at 8016 Alex David Circle, Dallas, Texas 75237.
- dd. The real property located at 7130 Sorcey Road, Dallas, Texas 75249.
- ee. The real property located at 9620 Michelle Drive, Dallas, Texas 75271.
- ff. The real property located at 9602 Whistler Drive, Dallas, Texas 75217.
- gg. The real property located at 552 Palomino Way, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052.
- hh. The real property located at 8054 Genesis, Dallas, Texas 75232.
- ii. The real property located at 8017 Alex David Circle, Dallas, Texas 75237.
- jj. The real property located at 8022 Roger Hollow Circle, Dallas, Texas 75232.
- kk. The real property located at 8419 Widgeon Way, Dallas, Texas 75249.
- ll. The real property located at 8411 Canvasback Lane, Dallas, Texas 75249.
- mm. The real property located at 9623 Michelle Drive, Dallas, Texas 75271.
- nn. The real property located at 5915 Alcova Lane, Dallas, Texas 75249.

- oo. The real property located at 2913 Sand Dollar Ct., Cedar Hill, Texas 75104.
- pp. The real property located at 2846 Traildust, Dallas, Texas 75237.
- qq. The real property located at 2410 Lily, Grand Prairie, Texas 75104.
- rr. The real property located at 3163 Sanctuary, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052.
- ss. The real property located at 1609 Mustang Court, Cedar Hill, Texas 75104.
- tt. The real property located on Avenue K, Plano, Texas 75074, more specifically described by legal description ABS A0738 Daniel Rowlett Survey BLK 3 Tract 59.
- uu. The real property located at Avenue K, Plano, Texas 75074, more specifically described by legal description ABS A0738 Daniel Rowlett Survey BLK 3 Tract 60.
- vv. The real property located at 2811 Park Springs Drive, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052.

Property to be forfeited by Charity Eleda, R.N.

- ww. \$16,471.82 in funds seized in June 2011 from business checking account #xxxx8253 in the name of Charry Home Care Services, Inc. at Compass Bank.

Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as incorporated by 18 U.S.C. § 982(b)(1), if any of the above-referenced property subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of any of the defendants, cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person; has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court; has been substantially diminished in value; or has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty, it is the intent of the United States of America to seek forfeiture of any other property of that defendant up to the value of the previously-described property subject to forfeiture.

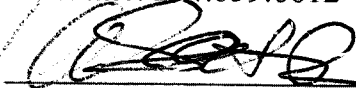
A TRUE BILL

  
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

JACQUES ROY, M.D. (1)  
CYNTHIA STIGER (2)  
WILBERT JAMES VEASEY, JR. (3)  
CYPRIAN AKAMNONU (4)  
PATRICIA AKAMNONU, R.N. (5)  
TERI SIVILS (6)  
CHARITY ELEDA, R.N. (7)

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SEALED INDICTMENT

18 U.S.C. § 1349  
Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud

18 U.S.C. §§1347 and 2  
Healthcare Fraud

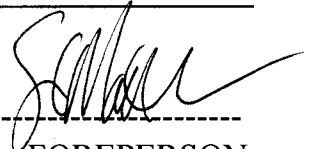
42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(a)(2) and 18 U.S.C. § 2  
Determining Rights for Benefit and Payment by Medicare

18 U.S.C. §982  
Forfeiture Notice

13 Counts

A true bill rendered:

DALLAS

  
FOREPERSON

Filed in open court this 23<sup>RD</sup> day of FEB., A.D. 2012.

Clerk

Issue Arrest Warrants for **JACQUES ROY, M.D., CYNTHIA STIGER, WILBERT JAMES VEASEY, JR., CYPRIAN AKAMNONU, PATRICIA AKAMNONU, R.N., TERI SIVILS, and CHARITY ELEDA, R.N.**

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT/MAGISTRATE JUDGE

No Criminal Case Pending

Magistrate Case No.

JACQUES ROY, M.D. (SEALED - 3:11-MJ-237

3:11-MJ-238

3:11-MJ-239

3:11-MJ-240

3:11-MJ-226

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**Related Case Information**

Superseding Indictment: ☐ Yes ☒ No New Defendant: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
 Pending CR Case in NDTX: ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, CR #:  
 Search Warrant Case Number: (Sealed): 3-11-MJ-237; 3-11-MJ-238;  
 3-11-MJ-239; 3-11-MJ-240; Seizure (Sealed): 3-11-MJ-226)  
 Rule 20 from District of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Magistrate Case Number: (Same As Above) \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Defendant Information**

Juvenile: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Matter to be sealed:

☒ Yes ☐ No

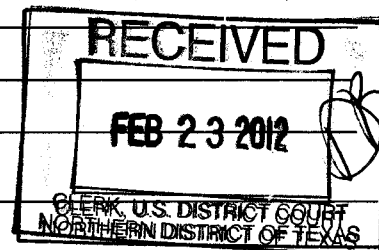
Defendant Name JACQUES ROY, M.D. (1)

Alias Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1320 Coastal Drive  
Rockwall, Texas 75087

County in which offense was committed: DALLAS

**3-12CR-054-L**



**2. U.S. Attorney Information**

MICHAEL ELLIOTT

Bar # NY

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**3. Interpreter**

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, list language and/or dialect: \_\_\_\_\_

**ISSUE ARREST WARRANT**

**4. Location Status**

☐ Already in Federal Custody as of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Already in State Custody  
☐ On Pretrial Release

**5. U.S.C. Citations**

Total # of Counts as to This Defendant: 10 ☐ Petty ☐ Misdemeanor ☒ Felony

Citation	Description of Offense Charged	Count(s)
18 U.S.C. § 1349	Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud	1
18 U.S.C. §§ 1347 and 2	Health Care Fraud	2-10
18 U.S.C. § 982	Forfeiture Notice	

Date 2-21-12

Signature of AUSA: \_\_\_\_\_

**MICHAEL ELLIOTT**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**Related Case Information**

Superseding Indictment: ☐ Yes ☒ No New Defendant: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Pending CR Case in NDTX: ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, CR #:  
Search Warrant Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rule 20 from District of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Magistrate Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Defendant Information**

Juvenile: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Matter to be sealed:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Defendant Name CYNTHIA STIGER (2)

Alias Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address 7227 Valley View Place

Dallas, Texas 75240

County in which offense was committed: DALLAS

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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

**2. U.S. Attorney Information**

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**3. Interpreter**

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, list language and/or dialect: \_\_\_\_\_

**ISSUE ARREST WARRANT**

**4. Location Status**

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**5. U.S.C. Citations**

Total # of Counts as to This Defendant: 1

☐ Petty

☐ Misdemeanor

☒ Felony

**Citation**

**Description of Offense Charged**

**Count(s)**

18 U.S.C. § 1349

Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud

1

18 U.S.C. § 982

Forfeiture Notice

Date 2-21-12

Signature of AUSA: [Signature]

MICHAEL ELLIOTT

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**
**Related Case Information**
Superseding Indictment: ☐ Yes ☒ No New Defendant: ☒ Yes ☐ NoPending CR Case in NDTX: ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, CR #:

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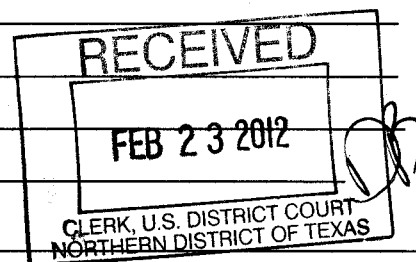
Rule 20 from District of: \_\_\_\_\_

Magistrate Case Number: **8-12CR-054-L**
**1. Defendant Information**
Juvenile: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Matter to be sealed:

☒ Yes ☐ NoDefendant Name WILBERT JAMES VEASEY, JR. (3)

Alias Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address 9209 Raeford DriveDallas, Texas 75243County in which offense was committed: DALLAS
**2. U.S. Attorney Information**
MICHAEL ELLIOTTBar # NY
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**3. Interpreter**
☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, list language and/or dialect: \_\_\_\_\_
**ISSUE ARREST WARRANT**
**4. Location Status**

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- ☐ Already in State Custody
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**5. U.S.C. Citations**
Total # of Counts as to This Defendant: 10 ☐ Petty ☐ Misdemeanor ☒ Felony

Citation	Description of Offense Charged	Count(s)
18 U.S.C. § 1349	Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud	1
18 U.S.C. §§ 1347 and 2	Health Care Fraud	2-10
18 U.S.C. § 982	Forfeiture Notice	

Date 2-21-12Signature of AUSA: MICHAEL ELLIOTT

MICHAEL ELLIOTT



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Related Case Information

Superseding Indictment: ☐ Yes ☒ No New Defendant: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Pending CR Case in NDTX: ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, CR #:

Search Warrant Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Rule 20 from District of: \_\_\_\_\_

Magistrate Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**3-12-CR-054-L**

1. Defendant Information

Juvenile: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Matter to be sealed:

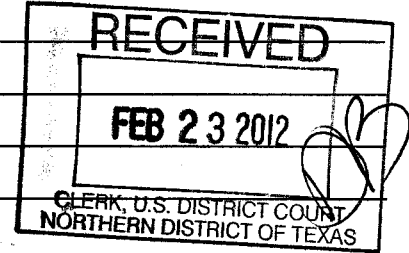
☒ Yes ☐ No

Defendant Name CYPRIAN AKAMNONU (4)

Alias Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address 139 Summit Court  
Arlington, Texas 75052

County in which offense was committed: DALLAS



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2. U.S. Attorney Information

MICHAEL ELLIOTT

Bar # NY

3. Interpreter

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, list language and/or dialect: \_\_\_\_\_

ISSUE ARREST WARRANT

4. Location Status

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5. U.S.C. Citations

Total # of Counts as to This Defendant: 1 ☐ Petty ☐ Misdemeanor ☒ Felony

Citation	Description of Offense Charged	Count(s)
18 U.S.C. § 1349	Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud	1
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Date 2-21-12

Signature of AUSA: [Signature]  
MICHAEL ELLIOTT

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Related Case Information

Superseding Indictment: ☐ Yes ☒ No New Defendant: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Pending CR Case in NDTX: ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, CR #:

Search Warrant Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Rule 20 from District of: \_\_\_\_\_

Magistrate Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**3-12CR-054-L**

1. Defendant Information

Juvenile: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Matter to be sealed:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Defendant Name PATRICIA AKAMNONU, R.N. (5)

Alias Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address 139 Summit Court  
Arlington, Texas 75052

County in which offense was committed: DALLAS

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3. Interpreter

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ISSUE ARREST WARRANT

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18 U.S.C. §§ 1347 and 2	Health Care Fraud	2-10
18 U.S.C. § 982	Forfeiture Notice	

Date 2-21-12

Signature of AUSA: \_\_\_\_\_

MICHAEL ELLIOTT

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**Related Case Information**

Superseding Indictment: ☐ Yes ☒ No New Defendant: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
 Pending CR Case in NDTX: ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, CR #:  
 Search Warrant Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Magistrate Case Number: **3-12CR-054-B**

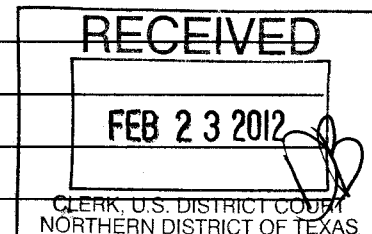
**1. Defendant Information**

Juvenile: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Matter to be sealed:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Defendant Name TERI SIVILS (6)  
 Alias Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 2811 Oaktree Ln  
Midlothian, Texas 76064



County in which offense was committed: DALLAS

**2. U.S. Attorney Information**

MICHAEL ELLIOTT

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**3. Interpreter**

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, list language and/or dialect: \_\_\_\_\_

**ISSUE ARREST WARRANT**

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**5. U.S.C. Citations**

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Citation	Description of Offense Charged	Count(s)
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18 U.S.C. § 982	Forfeiture Notice	

Date 2-21-12

Signature of AUSA: [Signature]  
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**Related Case Information**

Superseding Indictment: ☐ Yes ☒ No New Defendant: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
 Pending CR Case in NDTX: ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, CR #:  
 Search Warrant Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**1. Defendant Information**

Juvenile: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Matter to be sealed:

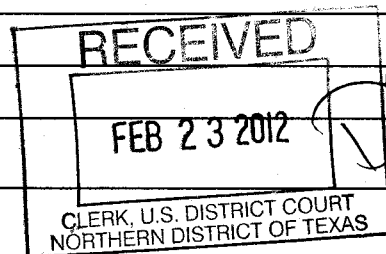
☒ Yes ☐ No

Defendant Name CHARITY ELEDA (7)

Alias Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address 6102 San Marino Ct  
Rockwall, Texas 75089

County in which offense was committed: DALLAS



**2. U.S. Attorney Information**

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**3. Interpreter**

☐ Yes ☒ No

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**ISSUE ARREST WARRANT**

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**5. U.S.C. Citations**

Total # of Counts as to This Defendant: 13 ☐ Petty ☐ Misdemeanor ☒ Felony

Citation	Description of Offense Charged	Count(s)
18 U.S.C. § 1349	Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud	1
18 U.S.C. §§ 1347 and 2	Health Care Fraud	2-10
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18 U.S.C. § 982	Forfeiture Notice	

Date 2-21-12

Signature of AUSA: \_\_\_\_\_

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